

NJ QSAC PROPOSED STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AMENDMENTS

STATUTE	ACTION SYNOPSIS	PROPOSED TIMELINE
18A:7A-10 – Evaluation of school performance	Amend to include 5 key components of school district effectiveness: Instruction and Program; Personnel; Fiscal management; Operations; and Governance.	Will introduce legislation during the 2004 session.
18A:7A-14 – Review of evaluation reports; 7-yr certification; improvement plan; corrective action plan; Level II and Level III; comprehensive compliance investigation	Amend with the possible repeal of some subsections to replace it with the NJ Single Accountability Continuum where school districts are identified on a performance continuum to receive no intervention, minimal intervention (technical assistance, targeted assistance), or maximum intervention (partial state control or full state control). A provision for placement of the Highly Skilled Professional (HSP) in those districts placed in maximum intervention and a provision for transition of current Level II and Level III districts would also be included.	
18A:7A-14.1 to 14.5 Alternative monitoring	Repeal	
18A:7A-15 through 7A-48; 7A-51 and 7A-52 State Takeover	Amend to refer to state takeover as state control. A provision will be included to allow for monitoring teams of HSP's to re-evaluate state takeover districts for placement on the performance continuum and for possible provision of technical assistance. A provision will be included for the Commissioner to recommend, based on HSP's re-evaluation, to the State Board if the district will require partial state control or if it will remain in full state control. The role of the Joint Committee on the Public Schools will be adjusted to the new NJ QSAC system.	
18A: 7A-49 Reestablishment of local control	Amend to provide the Commissioner with authority to change the status of the current state control districts to partial state control based upon placement on the performance continuum. A provision would be added that establishes exit criteria based upon the five components of school district effectiveness. Provisions would also be added for requirements after the return to local control.	
CODE	ACTION SYNOPSIS	PROPOSED TIMELINE
6A:30 - Evaluation of school districts	Amend and replace with NJ QSAC system including the quality indicators of school district effectiveness.	1 st Discussion – August 04 Proposal – November 04 Adoption – March 05
6:8-2 - QAAR	Repeal	